2 March 1951

General Omar N. Bradley Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Department of Defense Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Ceneral Bradley:

Herewith as discussed during our conference last Monday (see Annex 1) are estimates of the support which is or which may be needed by CIA from the Department of Defense in order to carry out projects which have already been approved or which it is possible may be approved within the near future in accordance with our estimate of present trends of policy. Our estimated requirements are listed under three categories as follow: those already requested under approved projects; those required for the support of approved projects, requests for which will be made within the next thirty days; those required for the support of projects which are still tentative or which are still in the discussion stage.

These latter are largely guesswork but the guesswork is educated to the extent that it is based on past experience and on our estimate of future possibilities.

For cross reference, in Annex 2, we have indicated the requirements for covert operations by project, listing those which fall within the above three categories.

As I mentioned during Monday's conference, the responsibilities which are being placed upon us under our Charter and under MSC directives, particularly in the field of planning and execution of guerrilla warfare activities, go beyond our current capabilities and indeed embrace operations of such magnitude that they threaten to absorb the resources of this agency to a point which might be detrimental to its other responsibilities.

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In order to bring these activities into proper focus with such other responsibilities of the agency, we are preparing a statement which will be submitted to the Joint Chiefs of Staff within the next 60 days, giving CIA estimate of support required from the Department of Defense in order to meet our dual responsibilities in the field of operations and accordingly to enable it to:

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The above would require, in my opinion, detailed planning, guidance, and control, participated in by the taree armed dervices, the Department of State, and probably the Office of Oefense Mobilisation, as well as the Central Intelligence Agency. This agency will be glad to participate in discussions directed toward the formation of a staff or syndicate competent to give such guidance and control.

Faithfully,

halter B. Smith Director

Enclosures:

Annex 1

Annex 2

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REMARKS: With respect to the attached letter to
General Bradley, I think it is important to follow
up on points 1 and 2 and make sure we do put in a
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